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commodity prices in Shanghai were as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Price in JMP</u>
Sport shoes	pair	42,000
Kupen soap	cake	4,000
Hsiangmou soap	cake	3,000
Towel	each	6,000
Lotion	bottle	6,200
Socks	pair	5,000
Thermos bottle	each	17,000
Twill fabric	Chinese foot	6,100
Silk-cotton fabric	Chinese foot	5,000
Cotton fabric	Chinese foot	4,200
Undershirt	each	14,000
Old Sword cigarettes	ten	1,600
Rice	five kilograms	10,000 ¹

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25X1 2. [REDACTED] commodity prices in Haimen (N 28-40, E 121-26) were as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Price in JMP</u>
Old wine ²	catty	2,600
Boiled rice	bowl	500
Chienmen cigarettes	carton	24,000
Hungyun cigarettes	ten	1,000
Oranges	picul	60,000
Salt	picul	110,000 ³

25X1 3. [REDACTED] prices in Swatow were as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Price in JMP</u>
Rice	picul	130,000 ⁴
Pork	catty	7,000 ⁵
Brown sugar	catty	6,000
Firewood	picul	20,000
Edible salt	catty	13,000
Eggs	dozen	9,600
Chicken	catty	8,500
Cotton cloth	foot	4,000 ⁶
Average restaurant meal	one	5,000
Movie ticket	one	1,500

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1. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] the price of rice in Shanghai [REDACTED] was JMP 1,300 per catty
and [REDACTED] JMP 1,600 per catty.

25X1 2. Old wine [REDACTED] sold for JMP 2,500 for each catty [REDACTED] 25X1
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25X1 3. [REDACTED] salt on the Haimen market cost JMP 120,000 per picul [REDACTED]
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25X1 4. [REDACTED] the per catty price of
25X1 rice in JMP as follows: [REDACTED] 1,200; [REDACTED] 1,500; and 25X1
25X1 [REDACTED] 1,300.

25X1 5. Pork [REDACTED] cost JMP 5,000 per catty. [REDACTED] 25X1

25X1 6. [REDACTED] the price of cotton cloth was JMP 2,500 [REDACTED] 25X1

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